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NEW YORK, JULY 1 (AP) LARGE NUMBERS OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OPERATIVES ARE BEING WITHDRAWN QUIETLY FROM AMERICAN EMBASSIES OVERSEAS, THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE SAID TONIGHT.

A DISPATCH FROM HYANNIS PORT, MASS., WHERE PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY ARE SPENDING THE JULY 4 HOLIDAY WEEKEND, DESCRIBED THE ACTION AS PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S OVERHAUL OF THE CIA TO ESTABLISH CLEAR LINES OF AUTHORITY.

CIA AGENTS ABROAD HAVE ENJOYED "DIPLOMATIC COVER," THE CLOAK-AND-DAGGER PHRASE FOR AGENTS OPERATING UNDER THE GUISE OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE STORY BY DAVID WISE SAID AMERICAN AMBASSADORS OVERSEAS HAVE NO CONTROL OVER SUCH CIA AGENTS, EVEN THOUGH THEY NOMINALLY ARE ATTACHED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THIS, THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT ADDED, "HAS LED TO CONFLICTS AND EMBARRASSMENTS IN THE EMBASSIES IN THE PAST."

THE STORY CONTINUED:

"THE MOVE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE OVERSEAS CIA PERSONNEL WILL STOP OPERATING. BUT THOSE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM 'DIPLOMATIC COVER WILL HAVE TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO CLOAK THEIR ACTIVITIES, ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN WASHINGTON.

"PRESUMABLY MORE WILL NOW BE POSING AS AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN. IN THE 'DIRTY TRICKS' TRADE THIS IS KNOWN AS 'COMMERCIAL COVER.'"

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